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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR

COMMANDER, EIGHTH US ARMY
COMMANDER, NAVAL FORCES KOREA
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES AIR FORCES KOREA
COMMANDING GENERAL, MARINE FORCES KOREA

SUBJECT: Limited Resumption of Anthrax Vaccine Program

1. The Deputy Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs directs the limited resumption of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP). The new policy continued vaccinating designated special mission units, researchers, and manufacturers and resumed the AVIP by vaccinating military personnel, Emergency-Essential DoD civilians and contractor personnel assigned to or deployed to the higher threat areas of Southwest Asia for more than 15 days. The policy was recently expanded to include vaccination of all 'follow-on forces' identified for those same higher threat areas of Southwest Asia.
2. Full resumption of AVIP is not approved for USFK; the timeframe remains dependent upon vaccine availability and world events. We will continue the series for newly assigned service members that have already resumed their anthrax immunization series during their previous assignment. Once the series is resumed, we are obligated to continue the series for those service members. Consequently, the number of personnel receiving the vaccine will be few at first.
3. I direct that all USFK elements prepare now to resume limited Anthrax vaccinations. Each Service already has prepared AVIP resumption execution guidance; follow that guidance. All required information is available at the DOD website, www.anthrax.mil. You also may refer to the original USFK OPOD 1-98. The AVIP remains a Commander's responsibility to better ensure their service members' force health protection.

4. The point of contact for service components is LCDR Tate, USFK Surgeon's Office, DSN 724-6326 or tates@usfk.korea.army.mil. The point of contact for our military vaccine program is Mr. Dembeck, DSN 736-4004 or thomas.dembeck@kor.amedd.army.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles C. Campbell", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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